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WRITE TO AMBER

Amber is a 25 year old Nicaraguan-American from Miami, Florida. They received a 30 day sentence in federal prison for their participation in tagging fake pregnancy centers in Florida.

According to Amber, “Two things turned me into the person I am today: the murder of my mother by the hands of the prison system, and the summer of 2020. This is a reminder to always remain ungovernable.”

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WRITE TO CALEB

Caleb is a 29 year old from Florida who was convicted of tagging the outside of a fake pregnancy crisis center in the wake of the Dobbs (abortion rights) decision being overturned. He and his codefendants were originally charged with the FACE Act and faced over 10 years in prison.

He was sentenced to 1 year and 1 day in prison in September 2024 for the vandalizing of the South Broward Pregnancy Help Center, the Life Choice Pregnancy Center, and the Heartbeat of Miami Pregnancy Help Medical Clinic. The spray-painted messages on the building included "Jane's Revenge," "Your time is up," and "We are everywhere." He is going to serve his time at FCI Yazoo City in Mississippi.

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Caleb Freestone has been sentenced to one year in prison. Amber Smith-Stuart and Annarella Rivera have been sentenced to 30 days in prison. Judge Covington and the prosecution agreed that graffiti on "fake clinics" demands a more serious sentence than cases of actual violence against actual abortion clinics and their staff and patients.

Three of the Florida Four have negotiated a plea bargain that does not include the FACE Act charges, successfully avoiding precedent defining "fake clinics" as "reproductive healthcare facilities." However, the Biden-Harris administration insisted that they take a felony and are sent to prison.

Codefendants blame Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, and Merrick Garland directly. Kristen Clarke negotiated for the government yet for every decision she "ran it up the flagpole." There are only three people above her the US Attorney General, the Vice President, and the President.

Heartbeat of Miami and the other buildings graffitied are not medical facilities. The Biden-Harris administration abused their power and violated the constitution by bringing these prosecutions under the FACE Act, which was passed by Congress to prevent violence towards actual medical providers.

Codefendants pledge continued solidarity and resistance, especially as Gabby's trial approaches. Having seen the inside of the investigation, they are confident that the reproductive rights movement in Florida is safe from further repression related to the Summer of Rage in 2022.

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Study this case, for there are so many lessons to be learned.

Out of the thousands of actions brought against "fake clinics" under the tag "Jane's Revenge" during the Summer of Rage in 2022, only 7 were ever arrested. Four pled out to one federal felony, one pled out to a federal misdemeanor, one pled out to a state misdemeanor, and the last will be acquitted at trial. Actions continue to target "fake clinics" — in July 2024 one was tagged with "the dead babies are in Gaza."

This case yet again proves that decentralized, autonomous organizing is the safest organizing model. There were no snitches. There was no statewide/nationwide sting. Their nonsense RICO claims were laughed out of the courtroom.

Jane's Revenge was offered to activists around the country as a low risk, direct action campaign in which anyone could participate anywhere. If you're ready for bold action, do something bold. If not, take it down a notch and do some artwork. That was the theory.

If only. The biggest lesson to learn is the same lesson taught by generations of repression: the police state hates us because of who we are and what we believe. They want us dead or in prison because we are a threat to their violent, racist social order.

Make sure your actions are as safe as they can be. And make sure that they're worth it.

If abortions aren't safe, no one is.

Gabriella Oropresa

The final codefendant of the Florida Four did not take a plea bargain and will be proven innocent at trial. The FBI has no evidence on Gabby. Their case is so laughable that they never brought FACE Act charges against Gabby, bizarrely accusing them of conspiracy but not the crime.

Gabby brought a second motion to dismiss shortly after rejecting the plea, using a new precedent established by J6 Insurrection defendants which makes it much more difficult to establish that someone is part of a conspiracy but not the underlying crime. Judge Covington rejected this motion, claiming that she cannot consider it, as the deadline (which she sets) had passed.

Gabriella and the other three codefendants maintain the deepest of solidarity and love for each other. All four codefendants have been offered deals at every step of the way to inform on one another and the movement — all such offers were refused without consideration.

Gabriella's trial is upcoming and expected before the end of 2024. Make sure to keep watch for announcements and ways to support.

Unaware that the codefendants will take the felony for other reasons, AG Moody and Heartbeat of Miami quickly cave: zero civil damages, codefendants must remain 100ft away from the three "fake clinics" they graffitied and Heartbeat of Miami's other four locations, and read an apology at their sentencing, written by Moody and Heartbeat of Miami.

That's \$1,560,000 that did not go to the fascists nor the State of Florida, in exchange for practically nothing.

September 9, 2024

Judge Covington sentences Caleb to 366 days in prison, Amber and Annarella to 30 days in prison and 60 days house arrest, and all to three years probation.

Covington hyperbolizes the graffiti, asking the prosecution and defense whether someone who burned down an abortion clinic should be considered worse than the Florida Four. She argues that a harsher sentence than the 7 months in prison the man who burned down an abortion clinic received is warranted.

"Well, only one incendiary device went off, the other didn't. Words, on the other hand, are powerful."
— Judge Virginia Covington

Judge Covington claimed that she was showing Amber and Annarella great mercy. 30 days in federal prison for graffiti is not merciful, it is insanely repressive. These courts are illegitimate and that's why they hate us.

May 28, 2022

Respect Life in Hollywood, Florida is tagged first. RL is funded by the Catholic Church. They don't have any locations in Miami-Dade, where Heartbeat of Miami (Baptist) has the most locations.

Soon after, local press publishes the security footage and the Arch-Diocese of Miami gives several interviews to the press about "extreme damage" to the building. Alixandra Caballero and Marissa Gonzalez, local associates of the Proud Boys, known for doxxing and harassing leftists, nurses, and politicians, attempt to identify two to Hollywood Police from the security footage.

A reward for the Florida Four is later announced. The FBI never follow up with these two informants as they already told Hollywood PD everything they knew. No money is ever paid.

June 26, 2022

Four days after Roe v Wade is struck down, Life Choices pregnancy center, located in a historically Black neighborhood of Winter Haven, is tagged. LCPC is preying on a Black community that has already faced displacement via eminent domain to build a hospital and college. The graffiti dares you to imagine a world free of oppression growing all around us, like flowers breaking through concrete.

The Tampa FBI field office sends agents the next day, beginning the DOJ case against the Florida Four that continues today.

11 days after Roe v Wade is overturned, it is Heartbeat of Miami's location in Hialeah's turn. Heartbeat of Miami has four other fake clinics in Miami-Dade County: North Miami, Little Havana, Kendell, and Homestead. They have close connections with the Proud Boys and other far right political groups.

The next morning, Marta Avila and Martin Sergio Bermudez meet with Hialeah Police. Bermudez is a member of the Proud Boys and attended the attempted insurrection on January 6, 2021 in DC.

September 17, 2022

Three months after the overturn of Roe v Wade, Caleb and Annarella infiltrate Trump Doral to disrupt Heartbeat of Miami's annual fundraising gala. They interrupt the keynote speaker and throw business cards into the air for the donors. Doral Police arrest Caleb and Annarella, to the disappointment of Martin Sergio Bermudez (the Proud Boy Board Member of Heartbeat of Miami), who runs across the room hoping to tackle Caleb.

Simultaneously, activists rally outside the entrance to Trump Doral, picketing the attendees and hanging banners along the road.

January 23, 2023

The FBI wants to indict Caleb and Amber in October, but they cannot locate Caleb's residence. Finally, they see an opportunity: Caleb has court for a protest related charge (which was dropped). The FBI shows up to court, but Caleb attends on zoom.

Simultaneously, the FBI raids Amber's home with a SWAT team equipped with automatic fire arms and battery-ramming equipment. They question everyone in the house and arrest Amber.

Failing to arrest Caleb, the FBI contacts his lawyer making threats that they will raid Caleb and are aware that he owns a shotgun. This is a bluff, they don't know where Caleb lives at this time. He surrenders himself to Miami Police.

"Fake clinics" are no more reproductive facilities than pharmacies who sell over-the-counter pregnancy tests. The Eleventh Circuit Court once wrote: "Congress recognized the difference between trained professionals who work in credentialed facilities and unregulated volunteer counselors who are not attached to recognized providers of reproductive healthcare.:

Covington bizarrely focuses on the word in, claiming that these "unregulated volunteer counselors who are not attached to recognized providers of reproductive healthcare" should be considered "reproductive healthcare providers" because they work in a building.

Covington thus legitimizes the coercive tactics of these "fake clinics" who appear to work in medical offices not because they are credentialed medical offices, but rather to trick people into believing they are. Heartbeat of Miami even operates in one building that used to be an abortion clinic.

June 14, 2024

Three of the Florida Four take a plea bargain and settle the civil lawsuits. After codefendants communicate that they will not plea to the misdemeanor FACE Act charges, Kristen Clarke of the DOJ says that she was instructed that the deal must include the felony Conspiracy charge against Rights charge.

She is also instructed that the deal must refer to the "fake clinics" as "reproductive healthcare facilities." This does not have any force nor effect, it's just petty that the Biden-Harris Administration insist on this detail.

The codefendants negotiate a civil settlement simultaneously. Initially, AG Moody demand \$510,000 and Heartbeat of Miami demand \$1,050,000. They also demand that the codefendants stay away from all reproductive healthcare facilities in Florida—including actual medical facilities.

March 29, 2023

As Annarella is getting ready to take her children to school, police and the FBIO assault team surround her car. Gabriella, who previously had received a target letter (a threatening letter from the FBI intended to cause someone to snitch), is informed via their lawyer that they have a few hours to surrender.

Simultaneously, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody sue the Florida Four for \$170,000 of damages each. Heartbeat of Miam goes further, alleging that the four are members of a criminal organization and demanding \$350,000 each. Moody cites these allegations in her lawsuit.

These are known as Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP suits). These lawsuits are timed and designed to aid the criminal prosecution. Depositions are scheduled before the criminal trial in order to force defendants to self-incriminate or go bankrupt.

The coordination between the Biden-Harris Administration, DeSantis Administration, and Heartbeat of Miami is designed to railroad the defendants and generate political headlines. You do not have the right to remain silent when you have a criminal and civil case.

August 18, 2023

Judge Covington denies the Florida Four's motion to dismiss, cravenly claiming that she "is limited to reviewing the face of the indictment," and therefore cannot determine if the FACE act applies to a business without medical credentials. Covington instead leaves this question for the jury.

Covington derelicts her duty by upholding the indictment. It is undeniable—on its face, that the FACE act does not apply to "fake clinics."

Two FBI agents simultaneously question Gabriella at their home and another two question Annarella at work. All four codefendants are offered leniency if they snitch.

The anarchist movement in Florida reacts. Many initiate plans to go underground, incorrectly assuming a wider sting against the movement. Others begin what will become the South Florida Anti-Repression Committee. The movement is reorganizing just as fast as the FBI is trying to disrupt it.

February 1, 2023

Annarella Rivera and her children are violently woken up at 6am by explosives intended to rip the hinges off of the front iron security gate on the front door, and a battery ram to break down the front door. Annarella and her children are handcuffed and brought down to the apartment complex parking lot with automatic weapons pointing at the back of their heads.

Annarella is separated from the minors, who are intimidated and coerced by the FBI to provide Annarella's phone passcode. The FBI threatens the children with arrest and jail time without an adult present. Annarella is not detained on this day; this is just a search warrant.

The FBI claims that Caleb and Amber both said that Caleb's shotgun was located at Annarella's house. This is a lie, as the courtroom minutes of Caleb's bond hearing show. He informed the bond hearing judge that the shotgun was located at his home. Amber never says a word about Caleb's shotgun, as they were never aware of its location.

Nevertheless, the FBI lie to a federal judge in order to get authorization to raid a single mother and her children. Annarella is soon evicted by their landlord after neighbors complain about the explosions. Defense lawyers are confident that had this case gone to trial, all evidence from this raid would be thrown out.

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